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At-Large, Position 5

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Harris County Precinct 4
Infrastructure Division
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RE: Houston Parks Board - Places 4 People Call 4 Projects Submission – Shadowlake Trail Extension

Dear Commissioner Briones and Team,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Houston Parks Board's application for the Harris County Precinct 4 Places 4 People Call 4 Partnership Projects to fund the Shadowlake Trail extension project.

Shadowlake Trail is a neighborhood-sponsored trail that connects from the Shadowlake community south along a Harris County Flood Control District easement to Brays Bayou Greenway. This proposal is to extend the Shadowlake Trail north by about 0.4 miles to connect to Oatley Elementary School, West Houston Medical Center, and Oxford Pocket Park. Alief Independent School District Center for Advanced Careers will also be within close proximity to the extended trail. The trail would include a safe crossing of Westpark Drive and Richmond Avenue, a neighborhood gateway, and land acquisition.

Trails are a key component of our community's infrastructure, contributing significantly to our residents' health, and resilience. Connecting trails across our communities enables a network of interconnected parks and trails to enhance community well-being and provide a transportation alternative for everyone.

Shadowlake Trail is an excellent example of community-supported trail development. Recognizing the importance of connecting their neighborhood to Brays Bayou Greenway, the Shadowlake Homeowners Association, together with District F Council Member Thomas, funded the original trail connection. This project would build on the original trail to extend its benefits further into the community.

The Houston Parks Board has been developing and maintaining the Bayou Greenway network since 2012. They have also successfully worked with numerous stakeholders, including Precinct 4, to manage and deliver high-quality park and open space improvements for our region. This project will enhance access to this important community asset, amplifying its benefits for residents who strongly support the trail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sallie Alcorn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Sallie Alcorn